BUS SERVICE—MATTANCHERI TO ERNAKULAM THROUGH WILLINGDON ISLAND

90. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is any idea of farming out or giving a monopoly for the running of public conveyances and buses from Mattancheri through the Willingdon Island to Ernakulam;

(*b*) whether any tenders have been called already by the Administrative Officer of the Willingdon Island for farming out the monopoly right of running buses through the Willingdon Island;

(*c*) will the Government be pleased to say under what jurisdiction this is done and the terms of farming out the monopoly right to buses;

(*d*) is the bus service, if any, that is to be introduced and farmed out, a through one between Mattancheri and Ernakulam via Willingdon Island or is it to be two separate services one from Mattancheri to Willingdon Island and another from Ernakulam to Willingdon Island with a break in the middle;

(*e*) is the Government aware that this will cause great inconvenience and trouble to the public at large;

(*f*) will the Government be pleased to state the reasons, if any, why a continuous service could not be arranged?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) to (*f*) The Harbour Authorities had originally an idea to give a monopoly for the running of bus service on the Willingdon Island route. The Administrative Officer accordingly called for tenders for the monopoly right. But the idea was subsequently dropped on the basis of the objections raised by the Cochin Government.

WILLINGDON ISLAND—LEVY OF MUNICIPAL TOLLS AT BRIDGES

91. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(*a*) whether they are aware that tolls are being levied at both the Mattancheri and Ernakulam gates of the new bridges connecting Mattancheri and Ernakulam with the Willingdon Island;

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